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SUBJ: KHMER ISLAM MISSION TO JORDAN

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1. ON JULY 29 I DISCUSSED WITH PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S SUGGESTING THAT KHMER ISLAM MISSION ALSO VISIT JORDAN. PRIME MINISTER WELCOMED IDEAL AND ASKED FOR AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S OPINION WHETHER JORDAN WOULD ALSO ACCEPT VISIT BY OFFICIAL GKR REPRESENTATIVE. SINCE EITHER GKR FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM OR PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET WILL BE VISITING SAUDIA ARABIA IN AUGUST, PRIME MINISTER WONDERED WHETHER GKR OFFICIAL COULD ALSO GO TO AMMAN. PRIME MINISTER MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY KING HUSSEIN AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS LAST YEAR AND THEREFORE THOUGHT THAT TRIP BY GKR SENIOR OFFICIAL TO AMMAN SHOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEM. PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT AFTER RECEIVING AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S ADVICE, HE WILL THEN DETERMINE WHETHER RELIGIOUS DELEGATION, GKR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE, OR BOTH WILL GO TO AMMAN. IN ANY CASE, THOSE KHMERS WHO ARE TO GO TO JORDAN WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR VISIT IN JIDDA THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR THERE. DOES AMBASSADOR PICKERING THINK THIS IS BEST ARRANGEMENT TO FACILITATE KHMER VISIT TO JORDAN?

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2. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION

TO AMBASSADOR PICKERING FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN
SEARCHING FOR WAYS HIS EMBASSY CAN HELP THE GKJ IN THE
DIPLOMATIC FIELD. IF ALL THE OTHER AMERICAN EMBASSIES
WHO HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST GKR
CAUSE WOULD
BE EQUALLY HELPFUL, OUR TASK HERE IN
ASSISTING GKR IN THEIR UPHILL DIPLOMATIC STRUGGLE
WOULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED. MANY THANKS. DEAN

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